

# NACC's 47<sup>th</sup> National Child Welfare Law Conference

*Working Together, Working Differently: Justice, Compassion, and New Tools for Modern Advocacy*

Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City

Salt Lake City, Utah

August 12-14, 2024 (pre-conference: August 11)

Virtual Conference

The Comfort of Your Home!

September 11-13, 2024

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Will NACC host an in-person or virtual conference in 2024?**

NACC will host the 47th National Child Welfare Conference in a dual format: in-person at the Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City (room rate \$199/night) from August 12-14 (pre-conference August 11), and online from September 11-13. NACC seeks abstract submissions from presenters willing to present in-person, virtually, or in both formats.

### **Who attends NACC's conference?**

Most conference attendees are attorneys and judges who work in child welfare court systems. Many attendees have diverse practices which also include work in the juvenile and criminal legal systems. Attendees also include professionals with lived expertise and from other disciplines including medicine, policy, community advocacy, immigration, education, social services, homelessness, and civil rights, as well as law students and other child welfare stakeholders. NACC encourages submissions that will apply to attorneys who represent children, parents, agencies, and kinship caregivers, as well as judges and multidisciplinary professionals working in child welfare.

### **What is the deadline to submit an abstract?**

All abstracts must be submitted online no later than Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Abstract submissions received after that date will not be considered.

### **How do I submit my abstract?**

You must submit your abstract online using the abstract submission form. Abstract submissions received in any other format will not be considered. *Please note: you cannot save your progress when filling out the online submission form. You will need to enter all the required information at one time. We recommend that you create a separate document with your abstract information on it in case you lose your progress or want to refer to it later. Also, be mindful of character limits, as the form will not let you submit answers that are over the limit.*

### **How many presenters can I include in my abstract?**

Abstracts may include up to **two presenters for breakout sessions and three presenters for plenary sessions**. Conference presenters receive **full scholarships for conference registration**.

NACC *may* consider requests to include additional presenters, but even if approved, **additional presenters must pay full conference registration.**

**Do presenters get free registration to both the online and onsite conferences?**

Presenters selected for the onsite conference receive a full scholarship registration to the dual conference (both onsite and online formats). Presenters selected for the online conference receive a full scholarship for the online conference, and a partial scholarship for the onsite conference in Salt Lake City. Presenters selected for the pre-conference Children's Law Office Convening receive a full scholarship to the preconference and the dual conference (both onsite and online formats).

**Does NACC cover any additional expenses for presenters (travel, accommodations, etc.)?**

**NACC only covers the costs of conference registration for presenters. Presenters must pay for their own travel and accommodations.** NACC expects lead organizations submitting abstracts including persons with lived expertise to cover the hotel and travel expenses of presenters with lived expertise and compensate them for their time preparing and presenting at the conference. The investment in and authentic engagement of persons with lived expertise is a shared responsibility. NACC only covers these expenses for members of NACC's National Advisory Council on Children's Legal Representation.

**How long will each conference session be?**

Plenaries, keynotes, and breakout sessions are 90 minutes. Pre-conference sessions and the Lunch & Learn session are 60-75 minutes.

**Can I present remotely at the onsite conference?**

No – all presenters for the onsite conference must commit to attending the Salt Lake City conference and presenting live on site. NACC will not broadcast onsite sessions live online. The only way to deliver or witness presentations from the onsite conference is to physically be in Salt Lake City.

**I'd like to submit an abstract for the pre-conference – what topics should I focus on?**

The pre-conference on August 11 will be the Children's Law Office Convening. Pre-conference sessions should be designed for an audience of children's law office managers, supervisors, and directors and address issues impacting children's legal representation, law office management, and innovative law services delivery.

**What do I need to include in my abstract submission?**

**Presenter Information: for each presenter:**

- Name
- Degree/Credentials
- Job title
- Organization
- State, Territory, or Jurisdiction

- Race/ethnicity information
- Lived expertise
- Email address

#### **Basic Session Information:**

- **Title** (no more than 150 characters) (*note: all character counts include spaces*)
- Whether you would like to present **onsite in Salt Lake City; virtually; or either/both**
- Whether you are submitting a **plenary** (90 minutes), **keynote** (90 minutes), **breakout** (90 minutes), or Children’s Law Office Convening **pre-conference session** (60-75 minutes)
- Whether the session qualifies for **ethics CLE credit** (must include the Model Rules of Professional Conduct to be cited)

#### **Detailed Session Information:**

- **Description** (no more than 800 characters): this is the information that will be included in the conference brochure and advertisements; an attendee should be able to read your session description and understand the issues, areas, and topics the session will cover
- **Learning Objectives** (three, with a 200-character limit for each objective): these are the goals of your session; an attendee should be able to review your learning objectives and understand what they will learn from your session
- **Practical Takeaways** (three, with a 200-character limit for each takeaway): these are the practical tips your session will cover, that an attendee can incorporate into their daily practice
- Description of how the session will address **equity, inclusion, diversity, belonging, antiracism, or marginalized populations** (no more than 500 characters): this should include more than a recognition that disparity exists.
- Description of how the voices and recommendations of individuals with **lived expertise** will inform and be integrated into the session (no more than 500 characters): this may include in the development, preparation, or presentation of the session.
- **Learning Activities** (no more than 350 characters): this is a description of the session’s format and structure and the activities that attendees will engage in during the session.

#### **What presentation formats are acceptable?**

NACC is open to all styles of presentation from traditional presentations to interactive/ collaborative sessions. We encourage diverse, unique, and engaging session formats that cater to various styles of adult learning, in-person or virtually. NACC encourages presenters to integrate interactive activities and group discussion into their session, both for onsite and also online formats. *Note: breakout rooms are unavailable in the online conference format.*

#### **Can I submit multiple abstract proposals?**

Yes, but you must complete a separate abstract submission form for each proposal.

#### **What is expected after an abstract is selected?**

NACC will select abstracts and inform lead presenters of NACC's decision around late April. If your proposal is selected, presenters will be required to:

- Fill out a short confirmation form within one week of your acceptance that will help NACC prepare its conference program and materials;
- Provide at least 10 pages of handouts/materials for your presentation (which must include at least one practical tip sheet) by July 19<sup>th</sup>;
- (For virtual presenters only) Sign a consent for the sessions to be recorded and distributed.

You may also be asked to provide specific information regarding ethics credits or other content questions. You will also receive additional information regarding materials and technology.

**Who can I contact if I have additional questions about submitting a proposal?**

Please feel free to contact [Conference@NACCchildlaw.org](mailto:Conference@NACCchildlaw.org) at any time throughout the process. Also check back to these FAQs periodically as we will add new questions to the list as needed.